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In the Claims

Claims 1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) Apparatus comprising:

a seaming board including opposing ends, opposing sides and opposing upper and lower major surfaces; ~~and~~

abutment structure attached at the opposing sides of the seaming board proximate one of the opposing ends and adjustable between a closed condition opposing the upper surface and an open condition away from the opposing sides of the seaming board;

the abutment structure comprising:

a first element pivoted to one of the opposing sides of the seaming board, and

an opposing second element pivoted to the other of the opposing sides of the seaming board,

the first and second elements capable of being pivoted between the closed condition opposing the upper surface and the open condition splayed away from the upper surface; and

the closed condition further comprising an engagement of the first and second elements opposing the upper surface.

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7. (Original) Apparatus of claim 6, the abutment structure including an extremity capable of receiving in the closed condition of the abutment structure a forcible impulse by an implement advancing along the upper surface of the seaming board toward the one of the opposing ends between the opposing sides.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) Apparatus of claim ~~8~~ 6, further comprising a receptacle of one of the first and second elements receiving and securing an edge of the other of the first and second elements in the closed condition.

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11. (Currently Amended) Apparatus comprising:

a seaming board including opposing ends and
opposing upper and lower major surfaces;

an iron disposed against the upper surface and
having a force applying end;

abutment structure attached to the seaming board
proximate one of the opposing ends and adjustable
between a closed condition engaging the force applying
end and an open condition away from the force applying
end;

the abutment structure comprising:

a first element pivoted to one of opposing
sides of the seaming board, and

an opposing second element pivoted to the
other of the opposing sides of the seaming board,

the first and second elements capable of
being pivoted between the closed condition and
the open condition; and

the closed condition further comprising an
engagement of the first and second elements.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

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14. (Currently Amended) Apparatus of claim ~~12~~ 11,
further comprising a receptacle of one of the first and
second elements receiving and securing an edge of the other
of the first and second elements in the closed condition.

Claims 15-19. (Canceled)

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20. (Currently Amended) In a seaming board including opposing ends, opposing sides and opposing upper and lower major surfaces, apparatus comprising abutment structure attached at the opposing sides of the seaming board proximate one of the opposing ends and adjustable between a closed condition opposing the upper surface and an open condition away from the opposing sides of the seaming board, wherein:

the abutment structure comprises:

a first element pivoted to one of the
opposing sides of the seaming board, and

an opposing second element pivoted to the
other of the opposing sides of the seaming board,

the first and second elements capable of
being pivoted between the closed condition
opposing the upper surface and the open condition
splayed away from the upper surface; and

the closed condition further comprises an
engagement of the first and second elements opposing
the upper surface.

21. (Original) Apparatus of claim 20, the abutment structure including an extremity capable of receiving in the closed condition of the abutment structure a forcible impulse by an implement advancing along the upper surface of the seaming board toward the one of the opposing ends between the opposing sides.

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22. (Canceled)

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) Apparatus of claim ~~22~~ 20,
further comprising a receptacle of one of the first and
second elements receiving and securing an edge of the other
of the first and second elements in the closed condition.